

SENATE BILL 1730

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,  
relative to episodes of care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-151, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) In developing or implementing any payment reform initiative involving the use of episodes of care with respect to medical assistance provided under this chapter by the bureau of TennCare or the health care finance and administration (HCFA) of the department of finance and administration, the bureau and the HCFA shall exclude anesthesia charges related to pain relief that decreases the use of opioids from the calculation of costs for any episode of care. This subsection shall apply to any initiative receiving a state innovation model initiative grant from federal centers for medicare and medicaid services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.